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1st Week in Advent, Yr B/II

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

O that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

Psalm: 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

R./: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.

Saturday – 2nd December – The Blessed Virgin Mary (*Saturday memoria*)

10.00-1050am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11.00am – Holy Mass Ints: The special ministers of Holy Communion at St Wulstan's

(A half day of Recollection & training for Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, commencing with Adoration...coffee and refreshments incl...see below)

Saturday – 2nd December – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Yr B

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of the Solemnity Ints: *Pro populo*)

Sunday – 3rd December – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Yr B

10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: deceased relatives of the McClellan family

Monday – 4th December – St Francis Xavier, *priest* (*memoria*)

10.00am – Votive Holy Mass Ints: For Peter Heinsen & Sheila Evans RIP (*Pat Leahy*)

Tuesday – 5th December – *Advent feria*

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For Rose Welsh (*Tony McClellan*)

7.00pm – Journey through Advent in the Parish Meeting room (*See below*)

Wednesday – 6th December – No Mass

Thursday - 7th December – St Ambrose, *Bishop & Doctor* (*memoria*)

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: for Vocations to the priesthood and Religious life

Friday - 8th December – SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

5.20 – 5.50pm - Holy Rosary with Intercessions for the Solemnity

6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For families in our parish facing crises

Saturday – 9th December – *Advent feria*

10.00-1050am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with confessions

11.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Jacinta Lobo (*Special intention*)

Saturday –9th December – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Yr B

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of the Solemnity Ints: Parish sick & housebound)

Sunday – 10th December – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Yr B

10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: *Pro populo*

4.00pm – Advent Penitential Service with Confessions

PRAYING FOR OUR SICK AND LOVED ONES

We pray for the repose of the souls of all our relatives and friends especially for **Andy Cooper** who died recently & those of our parish...*May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed...rest in peace.*

Please also pray for all the sick including John Bilsborough, John Crowe, Rosemarie Kay, Peter Onions, Mike Harriss, Raymond Turner, Lea Maloney, Fr Christopher Calascione, and all who are unwell or housebound.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY – SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

Training for Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Saturday 2nd December. All commissioned Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) are expected to attend this half-day of recollection and training commencing with Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass. The instruction will follow the Mass and will last approximately one hour. Tea and refreshments included.

A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT Tuesday 5th December at 7pm.

Our preparation for Christmas got off to a good start last week with the first of our film and social evenings. This week: What did Jesus teach ? From Bishop Robert Barron's excellent '**Catholicism**' series. Everyone is warmly welcomed again this week to gather for a glass of wine, some cheese and to share our thoughts and ideas.

We meet at **7pm in the parish room**. This will be one way that we can respond, as a parish, to Pope Francis' call for us to be a synodal church. Keep the dates free in your diaries!

2ND COLLECTION SAT-SUNDAY (9th/10th DEC)

The second Collection on the weekend of 9th/10th December goes towards assisting The Poor Parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham

THE DIOCESAN VISION: Unfolding God's Plan

Our Diocesan Vision is the Archbishop's dream for every parish in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and he invites us to be a part of it. The plans that we make as deaneries and parishes should be united to that vision, so that they will help us to make that future a reality. 6 Sessions are planned to help parishes respond to the Archbishop's Invitation to unfold God's plan. Paul at the Office for Mission can help you with further information & support: [**paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk**](mailto:paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk)

MORNING COFFEE

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

THE CRIB

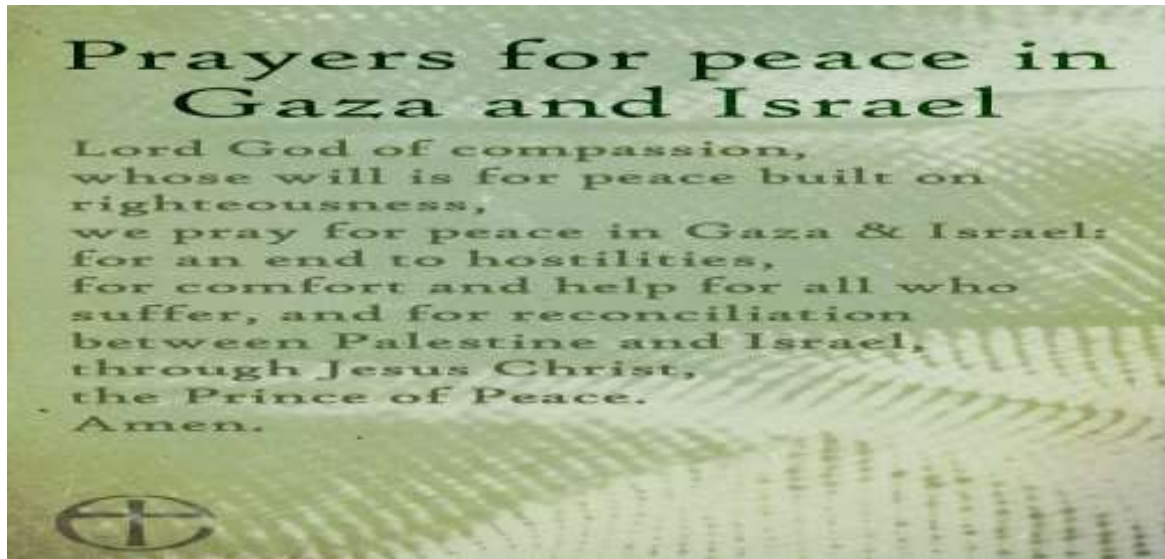
Our thoughts are now turning to the preparations for Christmas.

For the past few years the setting up has been done by the same person. If you feel you would like to take on the organisation of the Crib to achieve something different and no doubt better please contact June Stallard on 01684 540357 or [**june@junestallard.plus.com**](mailto:june@junestallard.plus.com).

In anticipation thank you.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers especially for the people of Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan. Lord we ask for peace for those who desperately need peace, reconciliation for those who cry out for reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, **Amen.**



PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE

Pope Francis has called for prayer and fasting for peace in the Middle East: 'War cancels the future and breeds hatred and revenge'. Let us pray that both sides in the conflict will 'Cast weapons aside, listen to the voice of the poor, the people and children.'*(Pope Francis)*

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

We have all been shocked and saddened by the devastating conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Our local partners are actively responding and providing urgent humanitarian aid to those in need. Your donation today will make a massive difference to those caught up in the conflict. To donate please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/> . See poster at back of the church.

ORDER OF MALTA ASSISTED PILGRIMAGE

Please see advertisement at the end of this newsletter regarding Lourdes pilgrimage.

CAFOD ADVENT CALENDAR

CAFOD's online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action, in solidarity with our global family, as we prepare for Christmas.

You can sign up to receive the reflections each day by email or view the calendar here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - UPCOMING PENITENTIAL AND CAROL SERVICES

- Sunday, 10th Dec at 4.00pm...Penitential service at St Wulstan's, Little Malvern
- Friday, 15th Dec at 7.00pm...Carol Service at St Wulstan's, Little Malvern
- Sunday, 17th Dec at 3.00pm...Confessions at Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park
- Sunday, 17th Dec at 4.00pm...Carol Service at St Joseph's, Malvern

ADVENT CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

This will be on Friday 15th December at 7pm. It will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone is welcome.

We would welcome offers of home made mince pies for the celebration after the Carol Service. Bring your friends, families and neighbours along as we celebrate the Christmas story with readings and carols.



FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

Link to see what is going on in the archdiocese: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

ST WULSTAN'S - DONATION BY CARD

If you would like to make a donation to St Wulstan's church by card, please ask a member of the Welcome Team to activate the Card reader and proceed from there. It is really quite simple once you get the hang of it. It is in giving that we receive God's abundant blessings. Thank you

PARISH BOOK EXCHANGE

A book exchange has been started in the parish room (there was an empty bookshelf waiting to be used). Anyone is welcome to donate books they think might interest other parishioners. If you borrow a book, please return it when you have finished with it. The parish room is open every first and third Sunday after Mass for coffee (check the newsletter)

MASS INTENTIONS

Do you have a birthday you would like to celebrate for a friend? Sympathy for the loss of a loved one? You can have a Mass said and offered for a person on these special occasions or for any other special intention. Grab a Mass Intention envelope and enter the name and date of the Mass required. Envelopes are available at the rear of the church. You can call or email the parish office at the Priest's House. This is a beautiful and special way to pay tribute to loved ones.

BOOKING OF PARISH MEETING ROOM

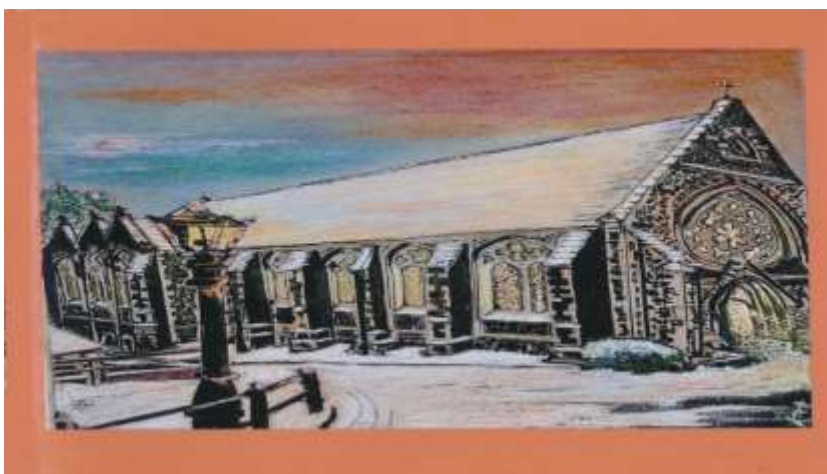
It is indeed encouraging to see our Parish Hall being kept busy with the recent activities and forthcoming Film sessions. I would like to see it's continued use but to keep everything in order with maintenance, cleaning, other bookings and to comply with insurances and health & safety requirements, it will be necessary in future to make formal booking arrangements.

Mary Pillon has volunteered to record these, so please contact her to make any reservations required on 01684 576213, 07960732491 or marypillon121@btinternet.com. Your co-operation is appreciated. Fr Patrick

CHRISTMAS CARDS SUPPORT ST WULSTAN'S AT LITTLE MALVERN:

Local artist Charlotte Carver has been busy designing and printing her own selection of cards to suit everyone. Among her recent work is "Snowfall and Sunset at St Wulstan's in Little Malvern" and a card based on the popular song "A Partridge in a Pear Tree".

These new cards sell at £5 per pack of ten alongside "The Annunciation" cards (£4) featuring part of a beautiful stained-glass window in the Lady Chapel. So, if you are looking for Christmas cards with a difference this year, pop along to the dedicated website: www.christmascardsinaidofstwulstanchurch.com





Order of Malta PILGRIMAGE to LOURDES May 3rd - 9th 2024

Special call for assisted pilgrims

Would you like to come to Lourdes as an assisted pilgrim with
The British Association of the Order of Malta?
We have some spaces available, and a warm welcome awaits.

- We offer a joyful pilgrimage spiritually and socially, sharing the essence of Lourdes: daily prayer and Mass, the Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament processions, the Stations of the Cross, the baths, and, too, the cafes and happy downtime.
- You will be cared for by our volunteers, carefully guided by our qualified medical team.
- Hospital-style accommodation is in shared, single-sex rooms in the Accueil (where our sick and cared for pilgrims stay).
- Departure and return from Stansted.
- Cost: £500 pp (financial assistance available in appropriate cases)

To find out more please contact
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